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The New York correspondent of the National Intelligencer says:—"The letter of Gov. Wise, on the subject of new avenues of trade for Virginia, excites much attention here, as exhibiting a comprehensive view of vision in commercial matters, and a research far beyond that which is usually given to practical subjects by politicians. In this, as in all the productions of this remarkable man, he has infused a vigor of thought and an enthusiasm for his native State, which cannot fail to arouse the energies of the leading men of the Old Dominion. Nature has done wonders for Virginia, in the way of soil, climate, variety and abundance of minerals, and in the extent and opulence of her rivers; all of which, if turned to proper account, would give her a prominence only second to the Empire State. Indeed, many of her sanguine sons think she might be the first in commercial and manufacturing importance."

The Union says that the treaty between the United States and the Celestial Empire, negotiated by Mr. Commissioner Reed, has been received at the Department of State.—It terms will not be made public till after the exchange of ratifications; but the reports of the negotiations between the British, French and Russian governments and the Chinese, and the details given of the general terms of the conventions with those countries, go far to disclose the character of that which the American commissioner has sent home.

The New Orleans papers of the 7th inst. contain the particulars of the terrific explosion of the powder magazine at Havana, which occurred at half-past 4 p. m., on the 29th ult. The magazine is situated at the head of the harbor, and contained over one hundred and fifty thousand pounds of gunpowder, several hundred loaded shells, together with a large quantity of rockets, fireworks, &c., which exploded. The shock and effect, as described by the residents of the city, was truly awful. Thus far there have been found in the ruins about the grounds 28 dead bodies, and 105 wounded, four of whom died shortly after being removed to the hospital.

Under the head of "Are we to have a Northern and a Southern Democracy—are we to oppose the Republicans, and support their policy?" the Union newspaper says:—"There certainly seems to be more or less danger that the Democratic organization in this country, like that of the Republicans and Americans, will become a mere piece of mosaic, 'a bit of white stone here and a bit of black stone there'—a species of hydra of many heads, composed of 'many men of many minds.'"

There is not much to be said about the Atlantic Cable. The "fracture" 250 or 300 miles from Valencia is not mended, and, what is worse, is not likely to be. Future prospects, to say the least of it, are very uncertain. In truth, nothing is certain at all, except that the whole enterprise, so far as the stockholders are concerned, is a bad failure.

It is thought that at the next session of Congress, the plan of Mr. Boyce, of South Carolina, for "inaugurating" the regular "free trade system," will be taken up and a vote forced upon it. There is no idea of carrying it—but the eyes and noses, it seems, are wanted.

Elections took place yesterday in four Northern States, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Minnesota, all of which, except Minnesota, elect members of the next Congress. The result of these elections will probably determine the political complexion of the next House of Representatives.

Alexander Duncan, of Providence, is taxed for over four millions of dollars. He is undoubtedly the richest man in New England. It may be mentioned for the benefit of those who are fond of "coincidences" that there are just as many letters and syllables in his name as in that of the late Ebenezer Francis.

The Petersburg (Va.) Express says that conductor Conway, on the South Side Railroad, fell off a passenger car, on the top of which he was walking, on Saturday, and was not missed until the train had gone some distance. Fortunately, he received no injury from the fall.

There have been but few frosts this month, even in the Northern parts of the United States. Could there be a heavy one at the South, it would greatly benefit the health of several of the Southern cities, where yellow fever now prevails.

At an election held at Orange Ct. House, on last September court day, R. P. Graves and O. H. P. Terrell were elected delegates from that district, to the Farmers' Assembly, to meet in Petersburg on the 1st of November next.

A letter from an officer of Captain Pope's expedition, dated at Camp Pecos, advises of the march of the expedition from that place, and of the failure to complete the well which they were boring.

The Blue Ridge Republican says:—"Locke, arraigned for stabbing Carpenter, was tried at the last Orange Circuit Court, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for 12 months. He will apply for a pardon, as we learn."

The advantages secured to Russia by the late treaty between Russia and China, are said to be of great importance to the territorial development of the former.

The New York Herald is, "at this present writing," strongly in favor of Gen. Scott as next President of the United States—and thinks he can certainly be elected.

A stable was set on fire, in Philadelphia, a few nights ago, and eight horses burned to death.

The municipal election takes place in Baltimore to-day.

News of the Day.

"Toshow the very age and body of the Times."

The arrival at St. Louis of the overland mail from California, in less than the contract time, being only twenty-three days and four hours, has caused quite a sensation in the country, and augurs good results hereafter. Letters from Fort Belknap, 819 miles from St. Louis, show that the mail westward was progressing well.

A municipal census of the city of St. Louis is now in progress, and the returns from three wards have been published, showing a total population of 42,008 souls, of whom 21,960 are white males, 20,019 white females, and only 62 slaves. Of the whole population of two wards, comprising in the aggregate, 27,181, only 9540 are of native birth, the rest being chiefly Germans—15,575 out of 17,641.

The result of the war of the Suffolk bank upon the country banks, which have joined the Bank of Mutual Redemption, in Boston, appears to be the final surrender of the Suffolk. S. indicates a dispatch, that the Suffolk has issued a circular announcing that the time had arrived for its giving up the agency for the redemption of foreign money.

The freight steamer Hercules, running on the St. Lawrence river from Montreal, a very new and large boat, blew up on Monday morning, while passing on the Du Plate rapids, eighteen miles below Quebec.—All the crew are missing but two, who are so badly burned that it is doubtful if they will survive.

The Romney Intelligencer says: An unusually large number of movers from this State have been passing through our County for the West during the past two months.—A gentleman informed us that he counted in one gang, a few days since, on the Capon and North Branch Turnpike, no less than sixty persons, bound for Illinois and Iowa.

A new competitor with Cuba for the honors and benefits of annexation to the United States, may sooner or later present itself in the person of the fair territory of Uruguay, in South America, which, so long rent by revolutions and civil war, years for the blessings of order, law, and progress, under the flag of some stable government.

Dr. Thomas D. Warren, of Edenton, North Carolina, desiring to give a substantial evidence of his respect for the Medical College of Virginia, offers a prize of one hundred dollars to that member of the Graduating Class of this session, who shall submit to the Faculty the best and most original essay on any medical subject.

The steamer Quaker City, Capt. Stauffer, left New York on Saturday, for New Orleans, from whence she will hereafter run regularly, making semi-monthly trips to Mississippi, with the California mail. She had about ninety passengers and more freight than she was able to receive.

Redpath, Burgess and Teeter, the English financial fraud convicts, were dispatched to the Australian convict settlements lately. Redpath, a few days before his embarkation, had a farewell interview with his wife, and their parting is described as being very affecting.

A Pennsylvania paper announces that death has at last divided the oldest pair in the United States. Mrs. Ludie Snyder died a few days since in Burnside Township, Clearfield county, (Penn.) at the age of one hundred and eight. Her husband, who is one hundred and twelve years old, survives her.

The New York Sun says that a few days since, the sheriff sold out the effects of a merchant who has been ruined by the purchase of lottery tickets. He bought for years, but never gained a prize until a few weeks ago, and the lottery men refused to pay the only hit he made.

The Benicia Boy, who is to fight with Morrissey, strikes such blows, says the Albany Knickerbocker, that his trainer will no longer instruct him, being as willing to act as grocer to a tipster.

In Williamsburg, (N. Y.) they are in a state of considerable excitement, in consequence of a case of love and desertion. It is alleged that a wealthy merchant, who has a branch establishment in England, lately seduced a beautiful young lady of Williamsburg, under promise of marriage, and on being threatened by her brothers with death if he failed to fulfill his promise, appointed Friday evening for the marriage. The bride, her brothers, and their friends all assembled accordingly. The clergyman was there, but the bridegroom was missing, and it is now supposed has sailed for Europe. He is about forty years of age, a widower, and the father of five children.

Some of the refractory females of the Dublin Workhouse were lately seen in the full bloom of the present mode. Inquiry was made, and it was found they had abstracted the wire fences of the garden and formed hoops which they attached to their dresses, to ape the fashion which now reigns.

James Boon, aged eighty-five years, an inmate of the poor-house at Kingston, Lenoir county, North Carolina, with his family, consisting of a wife and three children, it is said, has inherited a handsome estate amounting to \$150,000, and no mistake.

At Langdon, Ind., a few days ago, the locomotive ran into several cattle that were on the track. One of the animals, a fierce bull, made a show of fight, and such was the strength of his resistance, that he halted the locomotive and entire train off the track!

Capitalists who are largely interested in the Cuban trade both here and in Havana, have organized a joint-stock company, with a large capital, for the purpose of placing a new line of two fast steamers upon the route between New York and Havana.

The officer referred to, under the telegraph head yesterday, as having been wounded in an engagement with the Indians in New Mexico, is Capt. George McLane, of Baltimore, where he has a host of esteemed friends.

A letter from Randolph Mason College, says, there are at present 110 students attending lectures in College; about 40 per cent. are new ones.

Judge Strong, at Rochester, has refused the application of Ira Stecher's attorney for a stay of sentence, and the execution of the murderer will take place on the 22d inst.

The United States steamer Harriet Lane, has proceeded to sea. She touches at St. Thomas for supplies, on her way to Paraguay.

The Olympian games, after being discontinued for fifteen hundred years, are re-established at Athens, in the ancient Stadium, by a decree of the Queen Regent of Greece.

E. D. Morgan is the first New York merchant that ever was nominated for Governor of the Empire State. He is a native of Washington, Berkshire county, Mass.

Lord Bringham completed his 80th year on Sunday, the 19th of September last.

Joseph M.ello, who kept a store in Floyd county, Virginia, was murdered and nearly burnt up on the night of the 3d instant. He was shot, and after being robbed, his house was fired. His body was discovered in the ruins half consumed. Some money, which he was known to have possessed, was missed. The deceased has brothers doing business in Richmond.

A Kaskaskia paper gives a distressing picture of things in Iowa, comparing its condition to that of "the doomed city of Jerusalem." They have creditors without and creditors within, every third man is a lawyer, every other man virtually a pauper, and all standing in listless and unprofitable idleness, except the police and constables.

Gen. Eppa Hunton, of Prince William, and John Seddon, esq., of Stafford, are spoken of as candidates for the State Senate, from the Prince William District.

Army Life in Utah.

A writer from the camp at Salt Lake, in a letter dated 31st August, says:—"The army camp is about to be moved a few miles to a point where preparations are being made for the winter. Huts are being built there of clay, in the shape of large sized bricks and dried in the sun. Each officer is to have a room 15 feet square, with walls 7 feet high—the earth for a floor and perhaps heaven for a ceiling, in part at least, for though a sort of roof will be made, it will be a holy one. The Mormons are at work making the adobe; at least one hundred Mormons are now at work, and they have contracted to make one million and a half of them. After they are completed, the troops will be moved and it will take the soldiers a month to make their preparations for winter."

This war is a capital thing for the Mormons; they sell their vegetables &c., at their own price, pretty generally, (though every day an officer is detailed to attend to the prices of things brought to the camp to sell,) then they require Mormon prices for their labor, in short it is a fine thing for the Mormons to have the troops over here to eat all they want to sell.

Brigham, he has triumphantly every day. His house is very fine; it is said to have cost thirty thousand dollars. On the cupola is a bee-hive beautifully carved in wood.—In this house he attends to business, receives visitors, and here resides Mrs. Brigham No. 1. In the house next to this all the other Mrs. Brigham live—say fifty or sixty.

We recorded a few days since the burning of a lady by the explosion of gas formed by the explosion of burning fluid. Such occurrences have been very common. A fortnight since Mr. Smeon Draper went with a light to examine a leaking gas-pipe in his office, when an explosion ensued, setting fire to the building. The public are aware of the narrow escape of Senator Chandler, of Michigan, from death by a similar cause. It should be borne in mind that hydrogen, when mixed with oxygen or atmospheric air of two or three times its volume, and set on fire, will explode with violence. The force of the explosion is equal to the power of many thunderbolts. The gas used for illumination are carbonic acid of hydrogen, and present the same phenomenon. The common "burning fluid," when heated or suffered to decompose or evaporate in a partially-filled lamp, which, upon mixing with atmospheric air, will explode violently upon being brought into proximity with a burning taper. The mixture may not be as dangerous as gunpowder, but its explosive properties are as distinctly marked. Hence fluid lamps should never be filled near a burning stick, and a light should never be employed in the examination of a gas pipe or metre. The catalogues of gas explosions, campfire accidents, and deaths from carelessness with "burning fluid," are sufficiently numerous, one would suppose, to enforce our admonitions.—New York Post.

Salt in Agriculture.

Mr. A. B. Northcott has communicated to the London Philosophical Magazine a paper of experiments undertaken to ascertain the rationale of the action of salt in increasing the fertility of certain lands. We have not space for details, but quote Mr. Northcott's conclusions: "The results, then, which we must arrive at are, that agricultural salt is a most energetic absorbent of ammonia, both in virtue of its chloride of sodium and its soluble salt, and that the proportion of the latter especially, must powerfully affect the action; but, as the same result is achieved by the use of altogether a tremendous amount of salt, it seems to be quite long enough for agricultural purposes. If the young plants are there ready to receive it, its state of gradual liberation may be for them the most advantageous possible; and to this conclusion all experiments on the large scale appear most obviously to tend. It is described as an excellent check to the too forcing power of guano."

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—On the meeting of the Court of Claims in November, more than one hundred decisions in pending cases, will be delivered.

Commander Charles Green, has been appointed Light House Inspector for Buffalo District.

Nothing is known at the Navy Department of any of the chartered vessels for the Paraguay expedition being unfit for the service, as reported.

Secretary Cass was to-day detained from his official duties by severe indisposition.

The new Senate chamber will be ready for occupation at the commencement of the next session of Congress.

Commodore Shubrick left the city to-day for New York. The frigate Sabine is to sail without delay.

Virginia and Tennessee Railroad.

From the annual report of the Directors of the Virginia and Tennessee Rail Road, for last year, we learn that:

The gross earnings of the road have been \$468,190 64

Less expense of operating 244,950 70

Showing net gain \$223,239 85

The road earnings are \$109,712 26, \$109 in excess of those of the preceding year, and show an increase of \$47,026 on the corresponding nine months of the year previous.—The nine months of the past year compared, it will be borne in mind, embraced all of the panic months. The per centum of expenses on receipts was 52, and the net gain 3-32 per cent. on the entire cost of the road.

We understand that the Board of Directors announced in our last paper for the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, was entirely new, the old ones, contrary to custom, having been turned out.—Lynchburg Republican.

Bishop Doane and Rev. Mr. Carden.

The Bishop's interdiction of the Philadelphia clergyman who invited a Methodist minister to help him administer the communion, threatens to breed a civil war in the Church. The High Churchmen, as in duty bound, stand by the Bishop—while the Evangelical "pitch in" to him. The Protestant Churchman says:—"We hope Mr. Carden will yet have occasion to preach in New Jersey. Then let the penalty for not heeding this arrogant interdiction be assigned. Let the case come to trial. It would be only too refreshing to get the Bishop of New York to trial, even as prosecutor!"—N. Y. Express.

Later from Europe.

ARRIVAL OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Oct. 11.—The steamer City of Baltimore passed Cape Race, on Friday, with Liverpool dates to the 29th ult. The news by this arrival is brief.

From India the accounts say that the Gwalior rebels were defeated on August 17, with a loss of seven hundred killed. The British loss was but trifling. The Fort of Poonch surrendered, after thirty hours' shelling, to General Napier. A force of five hundred police had also defeated four thousand rebels.

The Atlantic telegraph controversy between Mr. Whitcomb and the directors, is continued in the London papers.

Harro, Dunkirk, Dieppe, Calais and Boulogne are to be put in a state of defence.

The King of Prussia does not abdicate.—The Prince of Prussia only becomes regent until the physical and mental health of the King is restored.

MARKETS.—Liverpool, September 27.—Sales of cotton to-day estimated at 4,000 bales, including 1,000 bales for speculation and export. Market quiet and prices generally unchanged.

Breadstuffs.—Flour is dull but prices generally unchanged. Wheat is in moderate demand at lower rates for better classes, and 1d. lower for secondary and inferior qualities.—Corn is dull at 1s. decline.

Provisions.—The market is dull and quotations nominal.

Produce.—Rice is nominal.

London Markets.—Sugar is steady. Coffee is steady. Rice is steady. Tailow steady, but inactive. Lard 32 1/2, 31 1/2, 30 1/2, 29 1/2, 28 1/2, 27 1/2, 26 1/2, 25 1/2, 24 1/2, 23 1/2, 22 1/2, 21 1/2, 20 1/2, 19 1/2, 18 1/2, 17 1/2, 16 1/2, 15 1/2, 14 1/2, 13 1/2, 12 1/2, 11 1/2, 10 1/2, 9 1/2, 8 1/2, 7 1/2, 6 1/2, 5 1/2, 4 1/2, 3 1/2, 2 1/2, 1 1/2, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, 1/64, 1/128, 1/256, 1/512, 1/1024, 1/2048, 1/4096, 1/8192, 1/16384, 1/32768, 1/65536, 1/131072, 1/262144, 1/524288, 1/1048576, 1/2097152, 1/4194304, 1/8388608, 1/16777216, 1/33554432, 1/67108864, 1/134217728, 1/268435456, 1/536870912, 1/1073741824, 1/2147483648, 1/4294967296, 1/8589934592, 1/17179869184, 1/34359738368, 1/68719476736, 1/137438953472, 1/274877906944, 1/549755813888, 1/1099511627776, 1/2199023255552, 1/4398046511104, 1/8796093022208, 1/17592186044416, 1/35184372088832, 1/70368744177664, 1/140737488355328, 1/281474976710656, 1/562949953421312, 1/1125899906842624, 1/2251799813685248, 1/4503599627370496, 1/9007199254740992, 1/18014398509481984, 1/36028797018963968, 1/72057594037927936, 1/144115188075855872, 1/288230376151711744, 1/576460752303423488, 1/1152921504606846976, 1/2305843009213693952, 1/4611686018427387904, 1/9223372036854775808, 1/18446744073709551616, 1/36893488147419103232, 1/73786976294838206464, 1/147573952589676412928, 1/295147905179352825856, 1/590295810358705651712, 1/1180591620717411303424, 1/2361183241434822606848, 1/4722366482869645213696, 1/9444732965739290427392, 1/18889465931478580854784, 1/37778931862957161709568, 1/75557863725914323419136, 1/151115727451828646838272, 1/302231454903657293676544, 1/604462909807314587353088, 1/1208925819614629174706176, 1/2417851639229258349412352, 1/4835703278458516698824704, 1/9671406556917033397649408, 1/19342813113834066795298816, 1/38685626227668133590597632, 1/77371252455336267181195264, 1/154742504910672534362390528, 1/309485009821345068724781056, 1/618970019642690137449562112, 1/1237940039285380274899124224, 1/2475880078570760549798248448, 1/4951760157141521099596496896, 1/9903520314283042199192993792, 1/19807040628566084398385987584, 1/39614081257132168796771975168, 1/79228162514264337593543950336, 1/158456325028528675187087900672, 1/316912650057057350374175801344, 1/633825300114114700748351602688, 1/1267650600228229401496703205376, 1/2535301200456458802993406410752, 1/5070602400912917605986812821504, 1/10141204801825835211973625643008, 1/20282409603651670423947251286016, 1/40564819207303340847894502572032, 1/81129638414606681695789005144064, 1/162259276829213363391578010288128, 1/324518553658426726783156020576256, 1/649037107316853453566312041152512, 1/1298074214633706907132624082305024, 1/2596148429267413814265248164610048, 1/5192296858534827628530496329220096, 1/10384593717069655257060992658440192, 1/20769187434139310514121985316880384, 1/41538374868278621028243970633760768, 1/83076749736557242056487941267521536, 1/166153499473114484112975882535043072, 1/332306998946228968225951765070086144, 1/664613997892457936451903530140172288, 1/1329227995784915872903807060280344576, 1/2658455991569831745807614120560689152, 1/5316911983139663491615228241121378304, 1/10633823966279326983230456482242756608, 1/21267647932558653966460912964485513216, 1/42535295865117307932921825928971026432, 1/85070591730234615865843651857942052864, 1/170141183460469231731687303715884105728, 1/340282366920938463463374607431768211456, 1/680564733841876926926749214863536422912, 1/1361129467683753853853498429727072845824, 1/2722258935367507707706996859454145691648, 1/5444517870735015415413993718908291383296, 1/10889035741470030830827987437816582766592, 1/21778071482940061661655974875633165533184, 1/43556142965880123323311949751266331066368, 1/87112285931760246646623899502532662132736, 1/174224571863520493293247799005065324265472, 1/348449143727040986586495598010130648530944, 1/696898287454081973172991196020261297061888, 1/1393796574908163946345982392040522594123776, 1/2787593149816327892691964784081045188247552, 1/5575186299632655785383929568162090376495104, 1/11150372599265311570767859136324180752990208, 1/22300745198530623141535718272648361505980416, 1/44601490397061246283071436545296723011960832, 1/89202980794122492566142873090593446023921664, 1/178405961588244985132285746181186892047843328, 1/356811923176489970264571492362373784095686656, 1/713623846352979940529142984724747568191373312, 1/1427247692705959881058285969449495136382746624, 1/2854495385411919762116571938898990272765493248, 1/5708990770823839524233143877797980545530986496, 1/11417981541647679048466287755595961091061972992, 1/22835963083295358096932575511191922182123945984, 1/45671926166590716193865151022383844364247891968, 1/91343852333181432387730302044767688728495783936, 1/182687704666362864775460604089535377456991567872, 1/365375409332725729550921208179070754913983135744, 1/730750818665451459101842416358141509827966271488, 1/14615016373309029182036848327162